

**2007 No. 488**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND**

**The Wealden (Parish Electoral Arrangements and Electoral Changes) Order 2007**

*Made* - - - - *21st February 2007*

*Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2) and 1(3)*

Wealden District Council, under section 9(a) of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997(b) (“the 1997 Act”), have made to the Electoral Commission(c) proposals dated February 2007 for electoral arrangements in the parishes of Buxted, Frant, Hailsham, Long Man, Polegate, Uckfield, and Willingdon and Jevington(d) in the district of Wealden, and for electoral changes to twelve wards of the district of Wealden and six electoral divisions of the county of East Sussex:

The Electoral Commission have decided to give effect to those proposals and, in relation to the changes affecting the parishes of Arlington, Buxted, Chalvington with Ripe, Frant, Hailsham, Long Man, Polegate, Uckfield, Wadhurst, Westham, and Willingdon and Jevington(e), to make related alterations of the boundaries of the wards of the district of Wealden referred to in columns (3) and (4) of Schedule 1, and the electoral divisions of the county of East Sussex referred to in columns (3) and (4) of Schedule 2:

Accordingly, the Electoral Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 14(f) and 23(g) of the 1997 Act, make the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

**1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the Wealden (Parish Electoral Arrangements and Electoral Changes) Order 2007.

(2) This Order, with the exception of article 7 and Schedule 2, comes into force—

- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to any election to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007, on the day after that on which it is made;
- (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007.

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(a) This section has been amended by the Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3962).  
(b) 1997 c.29.  
(c) The Electoral Commission was established by the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c.41). The functions of the Secretary of State, under sections 13, 14 and 17(4) of the 1997 Act (c.29), to the extent that they relate to electoral arrangements within the meaning of that Act, were transferred with modifications to the Electoral Commission on 1st April 2002 (S.I. 2001/3962).  
(d) The areas of the parishes of Buxted, Frant, Hailsham, Long Man, Polegate, Uckfield, and Willingdon and Jevington were altered by the Wealden (Parishes) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3468).  
(e) The areas of the parishes of Arlington, Buxted, Chalvington with Ripe, Frant, Hailsham, Long Man, Polegate, Uckfield, Wadhurst, Westham, and Willingdon and Jevington were altered by S.I. 2006/3468.  
(f) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962 and also otherwise in ways not relevant to this Order.  
(g) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

(3) Article 7 and Schedule 2 come into force—

- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to any election to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2009, on 15th October 2008;
- (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2009.

## **Interpretation**

2. In this Order—

“county” means the county of East Sussex;

“district” means the district of Wealden;

“existing”, in relation to a parish ward, means the parish ward as it exists on the date this Order is made;

“map” means the map marked “Map referred to in the Wealden (Parish Electoral Arrangements and Electoral Changes) Order 2007”, of which prints are available for inspection at the principal office of the Electoral Commission;

“ordinary day of election of councillors” has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983(a); and

“registration officer” means an officer appointed for the purpose of, and in accordance with, section 8(b) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

## **Wards of the parish of Polegate**

3.—(1) The existing wards(c) of the parish of Polegate shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into two wards which shall be named North and South.

(3) Each ward shall comprise the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for North ward shall be ten and for South ward shall be five.

## **Wards of the parish of Willingdon and Jevington**

4.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Willingdon and Jevington shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into four wards which shall be named Jevington, Lower Willingdon, Upper Willingdon and Watermill.

(3) Each ward shall comprise the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each of Lower Willingdon and Upper Willingdon wards shall be eight, for Watermill ward shall be two and for Jevington ward shall be one.

## **Alteration of the areas of parish wards**

5.—(1) The area that ceased to be part of the parish of Hailsham and became part of the parish of Arlington in consequence of the Wealden (Parishes) Order 2006(d), and that was also part of Hailsham South and West ward(e) of the parish of Hailsham, shall cease to be part of that ward.

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(a) 1983 c.2, section 37 has been amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50) and section 17 of, and paragraphs 1 and 5 of Schedule 3 to, the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c.29).

(b) Section 8 has been amended by the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 (c.19) and the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (c.39).

(c) See the District of Wealden (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/4053).

(d) S.I. 2006/3468.

(e) See S.I. 2001/4053.

(2) The area that ceased to be part of the parish of Long Man and became part of the parish of Willingdon and Jevington in consequence of the Wealden (Parishes) Order 2006(a), and that was also part of Folkington ward of the parish of Long Man, shall cease to be part of that ward.

(3) The area that ceased to be part of the parish of Buxted and became part of the parish of Uckfield in consequence of the Wealden (Parishes) Order 2006(b), and that was also part of Buxted ward of the parish of Buxted, shall cease to be part of that ward and shall become part of Uckfield North ward(c) of the parish of Uckfield.

(4) The area that ceased to be part of the parish of Frant and became part of the parish of Wadhurst in consequence of the Wealden (Parishes) Order 2006(d), and that was also part of Bells Yew Green ward of the parish of Frant, shall cease to be part of that ward.

#### **Alteration of the areas of district wards**

6. Each area that ceased to be part of the parish specified in column (1) of Schedule 1 and became part of the parish specified in column (2) of that Schedule in consequence of the Wealden (Parishes) Order 2006(e) shall cease to be part of the district ward(f) specified in relation to that area in column (3) of that Schedule and shall become part of the district ward specified in relation to that area in column (4) of that Schedule.

#### **Alteration of the areas of county electoral divisions**

7. Each area that ceased to be part of the parish specified in column (1) of Schedule 2 and became part of the parish specified in column (2) of that Schedule in consequence of the Wealden (Parishes) Order 2006(g) shall cease to be part of the county electoral division(h) specified in relation to that area in column (3) of that Schedule and shall become part of the county electoral division specified in relation to that area in column (4) of that Schedule.

#### **Map**

8. Wealden District Council shall make a print of the map available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

#### **Electoral register**

9. The registration officer for the district shall make such rearrangement of, or adaptation of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

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(a) S.I. 2006/3468.

(b) S.I. 2006/3468.

(c) See S.I. 2001/4053.

(d) S.I. 2006/3468.

(e) S.I. 2006/3468.

(f) See S.I. 2001/4053.

(g) S.I. 2006/3468.

(h) See the County of East Sussex (Electoral Changes) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/3247). The number of councillors to be elected for each of Hailsham and Herstmonceux, and Polegate, Willingdon and East Dean electoral divisions is two and for every other electoral division referred to in this Order is one.

Sealed with the seal of the Electoral Commission on the 21st day of February 2007



21st February 2007

*Sam Younger*  
Chairman of the Commission

21st February 2007

*Jacqui Dixon*  
Secretary to the Commission

## SCHEDULE 1

article 6

### ALTERATION OF AREAS OF DISTRICT WARDS

<i>Column (1)</i>	<i>Column (2)</i>	<i>Column (3)</i>	<i>Column (4)</i>
<i>Parish from which omitted</i>	<i>Parish to which added</i>	<i>District ward from which omitted</i>	<i>District ward to which added</i>
Hailsham	Arlington	Hailsham South and West	Hellingly
Long Man	Willingdon and Jevington	East Dean	Willingdon
Polegate(a)	Willingdon and Jevington	Polegate South	Willingdon
Willingdon and Jevington	Polegate	Willingdon	Polegate North
Westham	Polegate	Pevensey and Westham	Polegate North
Westham	Willingdon and Jevington	Pevensey and Westham	Willingdon
Willingdon and Jevington	Westham	Willingdon	Pevensey and Westham
Buxted	Uckfield	Buxted and Maresfield	Uckfield North
Frant	Wadhurst	Frant/Withyham	Wadhurst
Arlington	Chalvington with Ripe	Hellingly	Alfriston

## SCHEDULE 2

article 7

### ALTERATION OF AREAS OF COUNTY ELECTORAL DIVISIONS

<i>Column (1)</i>	<i>Column (2)</i>	<i>Column (3)</i>	<i>Column (4)</i>
<i>Parish from which omitted</i>	<i>Parish to which added</i>	<i>County Electoral Division from which omitted</i>	<i>County Electoral Division to which added</i>
Hailsham	Arlington	Hailsham and Herstmonceux	Alfriston, East Hoathly and Hellingly
Westham	Polegate	Pevensey and Westham	Polegate, Willingdon and East Dean
Westham	Willingdon and Jevington	Pevensey and Westham	Polegate, Willingdon and East Dean
Willingdon and Jevington	Westham	Polegate, Willingdon and East Dean	Pevensey and Westham
Buxted	Uckfield	Buxted Maresfield	Uckfield

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(a) This was part of South ward of the parish of Polegate.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order gives effect to proposals made to the Electoral Commission for changes to the electoral arrangements for the parishes of Buxted, Frant, Hailsham, Long Man, Polegate, Uckfield, and Willingdon and Jevington within the district of Wealden, and for related alterations of the boundaries of twelve wards of the district of Wealden and six electoral divisions of the county of East Sussex as a result of changes made to the boundaries of the parishes of Arlington, Buxted, Chalvington with Ripe, Frant, Hailsham, Long Man, Polegate, Uckfield, Wadhurst, Westham, and Willingdon and Jevington by the Wealden (Parishes) Order 2006.

The new electoral arrangements apply in respect of parish and district elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007, and county elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2009.

Article 3 abolishes the existing wards of the altered parish of Polegate. That article and the map also establish the names and areas of the wards of that parish and the number of councillors for each ward.

Article 4 abolishes the existing wards of the altered parish of Willingdon and Jevington. That article and the map also establish the names and areas of the wards of that parish and the number of councillors for each ward.

Article 5 makes alterations to the areas of wards of the parishes of Buxted, Frant, Hailsham, Long Man and Uckfield.

Article 6 and Schedule 1 make alterations to the areas of Alfriston, Buxted and Maresfield, East Dean, Frant/Withyham, Hailsham South and West, Hellingly, Pevensey and Westham, Polegate North, Polegate South, Uckfield North, Wadhurst and Willingdon wards of the district of Wealden.

Article 7 and Schedule 2 make alterations to the areas of Alfriston, East Hoathly and Hellingly, Buxted Maresfield, Hailsham and Herstmonceux, Pevensey and Westham, Polegate, Willingdon and East Dean, and Uckfield electoral divisions of the county of East Sussex.

Article 9 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

The map defined in article 2 shows the new wards of the parishes of Polegate, and Willingdon and Jevington. It is available at [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/your-area/ParishEAOrders.cfm](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/your-area/ParishEAOrders.cfm) and, at all reasonable times, at the offices of Wealden District Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.